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LA POPULATION

Has 2,061,612 People
an Increase of 927,422

RETURNS SHOW
DECIDED DRIFT
TO THE CITIES

State Will Not Lose a Congress-
man and Probably Will Not
Gain One—Redistricting Will
Be Necessary for Congress-
sional and Legislative Repre-
sentation—Thirty-two Coun-
ties Show Loss of Population
Richmond May Gain Members
of General Assembly—Wis-
consin Has Largest Percentage
Growth, as in Previous Decade

According to the statistics of the thirteenth census, made public yesterday, the population of Virginia is 2,061,612. This is an increase of 207,420 or 11.2 per cent. over 1,854,184 in 1900. The increase from 1880 to 1900 was 198,204, or 12 per cent.

Others States whose population has been announced, in the percentage growth. States are not showing nearly so large a percentage of increase as are cities, because of the flocking of people to the centres of population. The showing made by Virginia is regarded as satisfactory.

Should the average remain the same as at present, which is the case, this State would have eleven members of the House of Representatives instead of ten. On the other hand, should the new rate be fixed at 215,000 persons to a member, as is generally presumed, the State would retain its ten members as at present.

It was also a vote to the population of Virginia and one or two States that the apportionment was fixed ten years ago at a representative for 194,000 people, the present ratio being a fraction of more than 110,000 men required if the population did not reach the proper multiple of 194,000.

hereafter for either ten or eleven members, according to the rate.

In case an additional member of the House is gained, there will be a general reapportioning. This must be done with a view to population of the county and city, and all forecasts in this respect would be purely speculative.

However, there seems to be little doubt that the ratio of representation will be increased, and that Virginia's quota will remain the same as at present. The reapportioning restricting will be a new Congress. Road case, since some communities have grown rapidly and others have stood still or even retrograded.

Change in the North.

It becomes quite evident that term

development there has caused a faster growth than that enjoyed by any other section of the State, and on any sound basis the district has too many people to elect only one member of the House. Under the new census the

Ninth has 250,581 people as now constituted, and it will be seen that this is out of all proportion to the others. Even with the increased ratio of 215 to 1,000 population to a Congressman, some of the counties will almost inevitably be taken from this district. The Fifth District has now but 172,735 people, or nearly 100,000 less than the Ninth.

Wise county, in the Ninth, shows the largest growth and the largest percentage of growth in any of the States. It comes from 19,653 in 1900 to 34,100 in 1910.

In 1910, a gain of 43.8 per cent. Wisconsin had the highest increase in 1900, for it had then grown faster than any other country for the preceding 25 years. In 1900 it had but 9,345 people and in the decade to 1900 it grew by 41 per cent. The United States and its industries has accomplished the result.

Russell Is Next.

Russell, an adjoining county to Wisconsin, second in the list, shows a gain in 1900 from 18,031 to 23,474, or 30.2 per cent.

Probably Pulaski, Bland, Giles and Ashe counties will be taken away from the Ninth in the redistricting.

In consideration of the rapid growth of Richmond, it is more than likely that the Third district will be reduced accordingly, and that some of the counties, the district has to-day

The rather startling fact is shown by the following census figures that thirty-two of the 100 counties in Virginia have suffered a decrease in population during the past year. In a few cases this has been caused by annexation to cities or towns in other counties. In most counties, this is the case with Her-

rico, a portion of which has been annexed to Richmond, and Campbell, part of which went to Lynchburg. Clifton Forge has been formed from Alleghany county, causing an apparent

Moving to Cities.

But with these exceptional accounts for, the fact remains that fewer people found their way to the cities than in 1900. Nothing could more clearly show the drift of population to the cities. All of the Virginia cities show gains, in some of them the percentage increase being as high as 60 per cent. The counties which have lost population are: Allegheny, Amelia, Appomattox, Bland, Bedford, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Clarke, Essex, Fairfax, Giles, Gloucester, Loudoun, Loudwell, Hancock, Henry, Highland, James City, King George, Loudoun, Madison, New